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As a strong environmentalist with a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics, I must stress the great importance of getting nuclear waste out of surface storage and deep into the ground.

The Yucca Mountain storage should go forward even if it is not perfect, as it is a solution many orders of magnitude preferable to the current above ground storage of waste at nuclear power plants scattered through the country.

Even environmentalists who oppose nuclear power need to understand this comparison. I am an environmentalist who strenuously opposes drilling in ANWAR and supports conservation as the number one goal of U.S. energy policy. But the issue of whether this waste should have been created is moot; the issue here is whether to continue surface storage versus accept a less than perfect disposal.

Stuart Taylor